

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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“NATIONAL WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK, MARCH 1 - 7, 2008”

National Weights and Measures Week is being observed during the week of March 1-7 by State and local jurisdictions throughout the United States. This is the recognition of the first Weights and Measure law, passed by the United States Congress on March 2, 1799.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has chosen the theme for the County’s observance: **“Weights and Measures: Balancing the Marketplace.”** This issue has special significance to every consumer, in Los Angeles County, purchasing any commodity over a scale.

The Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department routinely conducts undercover inspections at retail facilities. These inspections have uncovered and corrected problems, fortifying the integrity of the sales process and enhancing consumer awareness.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached resolution and proclaim March 1-7, 2008, as “Weights and Measures Week” in the County of Los Angeles, and direct the Executive Officer of the Board to forward a signed copy of the resolution to the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 209 years ago, on March 2, 1799, the Congress of the United States enacted the nation's first weights and measures law, citing the necessity of standards of weights and measures, the need for weights and measures as a public service, the need to examine and try all weighing and measuring devices, and the need for uniformity; and,

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has recognized this need in establishing the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures, which has consistently functioned in the public good; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures has continued to perform its duties of inspecting all weighing and measuring devices within the limits of this jurisdiction to ensure equity in commercial transactions for the protection of all citizens of our County, whether they be the buyer or the seller; and,

WHEREAS, Weights and Measures laws promote and require the accurate labeling and advertisement of product identities, quantity, and prices, which facilitates value comparisons essential to a successful free enterprise market, delivers the best products for the best price, and enables manufacturers and merchants to compete fairly; and,

WHEREAS, March 1 through March 7, 2008 will be observed as Weights and Measures Week throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the theme, **“Weights and Measures: Balancing the Marketplace”** has important significance as weights and measures jurisdictions nationwide meet this year to deliberate, among many issues, the adoption of automatic temperature compensation in retail fuel sales.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, in special recognition of the work performed by the County Sealer and his staff, does hereby proclaim that the week of March 1 through March 7 be known as “Weights and Measures Week” in our County, and urges everyone to recognize the very valuable contribution to the economic welfare of the communities of this County being made by the Department of Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures.

The foregoing resolution was on
the _____ day of _____, 2007,
adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County
of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body
of all other special assessment and taxing districts,
agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

SACHI A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM
BY COUNTY COUNSEL

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.

By _____
Deputy

